TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION OF 1107.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Monday, the 25th April, 1932/13th Medam 1107.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at eleven-thirty of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Memorial from the President of the Pandalam-Tonnallur Nayar Co-operative Society.

226. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the President of the Pandalam-Tonnallur Nayar Co-operative Society, No. 71, dated the 20th Chingam 1107; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any steps have been taken to give relief to the afflicted ryots?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being investigated by the Division Officer, Quilon.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What were the prayers contained in the memorial?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The important prayer in the memorial was the widening of the canal from Kizhakkekkadavu.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it not stated in the memorial that, during the rainy season, every year, the ryots suffer heavy loss, because this canal has not been widened?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is stated there that the ryots are being put to great difficulty on account of the non-repair of the canal.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If the work is not done immediately, is it not likely that every year the ryots would be put to great loss and inconvenience?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government will look into the matter. The matter is now being investigated by the P. W. Division Officer, Quilon. The work will be taken up as funds are available.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to treat the work as very urgent in view of the fact that, if the canal is allowed to lie in disrepair, the ryots would be put to *recurring* loss every year ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI ((*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As I said, the matter is being investigated by the P. W. Division Officer, Quilon, and the question will be taken up when he submits his report.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Have the Government informed the P. W. D. officers that, in view of the urgency of the matter, they must expedite their work of investigation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Do not the Government feel that the matter is urgent in view of the recurring loss which the ryots are put to ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The question can be decided only after the report of the Pubic Works Department has been received.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the Chief Engineer to report on the question whether the ryots are really being put to any loss *every year?*

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Has the Chief Engineer been asked to investigate that question also ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No. The petition was sent to the Chief Engineer by the Government, and the Chief Engineer, has, in turn, sent it on to the Executive Engineer for investigation and report. That is how the matter stands now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to ask the Chief Engineer to treat the matter as urgent ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That may be done.

Appointments made in the Medical Department during 1105 and 1106.

227. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of appointments made during 1105 and 1106 in the Medical Department and the number of Muslims who got such appointments ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Statements* containing the information required by the member are laid on the table.

Resident Medical Officer, General Hospital.

228. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) :- Will the Government be pleased to state :

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 615.

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